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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): A DEVICE FOR AUTOMATICALLY PRODUCING AN OPENING OR  
CAVITY IN THE SIDE OF A CERAMIC PRODUCT DURING MOLDING A  
MOULD

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- ☒ 30 pages of Specification/Claims 1-55/Abstract are attached.
- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-4; 2 sheets) are attached.
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Sacmi Cooperativa Meccanici Imola Soc. Coop. ar.l. is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
- ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 01830519.3 filed August 3, 2001 in European is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

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| BASIC FEE  |           |           |
| TOTAL CLAIMS                                       | 55 - 20   | = 35      |
| INDEP CLAIMS                                       | 1 - 3     | = 0       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS |           |           |

| SMALL ENTITY |        |    | LARGE ENTITY |          |  |
|--------------|--------|----|--------------|----------|--|
| RATE         | FEE    | OR | RATE         | FEE      |  |
|              | \$ 370 | OR |              | \$ 740   |  |
| x 9 =        |        | OR | x 18         | \$ 630   |  |
| x 42 =       |        | OR | x 84         |          |  |
| +140 =       |        | OR | +280         |          |  |
| TOTAL        |        | OR | TOTAL        | \$ 1,370 |  |

- ☒ Check No. 329170 in the amount of \$1,410.00 (\$1,370.00 for the filing fee and \$40.00 for the Assignment Recordation Fee) is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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